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SUBJECT: QUITO MEETING: TEXT OF LETTER FROM KISSINGER
TO FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER SHOULD BE
COMMUNICATED TO FOREIGN MINISTER IMMEDIATELY.

2. MESSAGE TEXT FOLLOWS: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

AS YOU AND OUR OTHER COLLEAGUES OF THE HEMISPHERE PREPARE TO
GATHER NEXT WEEK IN QUITO FOR THE MEETING OF THE ORGANI-
ZATION OF AMERICAN STATES I WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH
I REGRET NOT BEING ABLE TO BE WITH YOU.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS HAVE MADE
IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND ON THE DATES ULTIMATELY
FIXED FOR THE SESSIONS IN ECUADOR. AT THE SAME TIME, IT
WAS NOT FEASIBLE UNTIL NOW TO MAKE KNOWN THAT I WOULD BE
TRAVELING IN THE MIDDLE EAST. YOU CAN READILY UNDER-
STAND HOW SENSITIVE THE TALKS ARE INVOLVING THE AREA AND
THE IMPORTANCE OF THOSE TALKS TO WORLD PEACE.

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BECAUSE OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAVE ASKED MY
DEPUTY AND CLOSE COLLEAGUE, BOB INGERSOLL, TO REPRESENT
ME AT THE QUITO MEETING, ALONG WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WILLIAM ROGERS AND OAS AMBASSADOR BILL MAILLIARD. I HAVE

THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE IN THEM. THEY WILL, OF COURSE,
BE FULLY PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE
TALKS, AND I SHALL EXPECT FROM THEM A FULL REPORT OF
THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU WHEN THEY RETURN.

I PERSONALLY WILL BE FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENTS
AT THE QUITO MEETING CLOSELY. MY GOVERNMENT AND I
ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO THE
FINAL RESULT. BEST WISHES. HENRY A. KISSINGER.
END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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